

RONALD L. CALLIHAN, having been first duly sworn was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION OF RONALD L. CALLIHAN

By Coroner Gerber:

Q Will you state your name, please?

A Ronald L. Callihan.

Q Where do you live?

A 595 Columbia Road, Bay Village.

Q What is your occupation?

A My full-time occupation is with Republic Steel.

I am a volunteer fireman, my capacity here now.

Q Volunteer fireman, in Bay Village?

A Right.

Q On the morning of July 4th, did you get instructions to go to the home of Dr. Sam Sheppard?

A I did.

Q Tell me what happened after you arrived?

A The fireman with me and myself carried the stretcher into the house. I went upstairs.

Q Who was the fireman with you?

A Dick Sommer.

Q What time did you get there?

A It would be about six o'clock because the call came in at 5:57.

Q Now, go right ahead.

A And we carried the stretcher upstairs and Patrolman Drenkhan was there at the time and said that we should wait until the doctor got there before we did anything else. We returned back downstairs and went outside.

Do you want me to go ahead?

Q Just go right ahead.

A Wandered to the back of the house and went down the steps leading toward the porch, because we only went as far as the landing and stood there talking a minute and we noticed that there were men fishing, two men fishing off the pier, east of the Sheppard home and we went back up the steps to the yard and as we came off the steps, Sergeant Hubach came around the corner of the house and we mentioned to him that we had seen men down the pier fishing. His instructions at that time were to go back down to get their names and addresses and ask them if they had heard, seen or heard anything before in that area. So we again went down to the beach and we went along the beach to the pier and out on the pier and talked with the men who were there fishing. They told us that they had only been there a very short time, probably 10 or 15 minutes and they inquired if we were going to question their being able to fish, they wanted to know if it was all right to fish and we told them yes, but we were wondering if they had seen or heard anything

unusual on the beach in the vicinity immediately west. They said that they had not noticed anything that way, but when they had come down to fish they saw two boys or men, they had the impression that they were teenagers out on the pier in Huntington Park and they thought it was unusual for those two young boys to be out fishing at that time of the morning.

Q When did they see them?

A They had been there about ten minutes and they had just arrived there and the two teenagers left shortly after these fishermen came down.

Q Where were they at that time?

A The teenagers?

Q The teenagers.

A They were on the pier east of the one on which they had gone out fishing.

Q Where did they go out fishing, on which pier?

A The first pier east of the Sheppard home.

Q Where were the teenagers, were they still further east?

A That's right, that was the next pier east.

Q When you arrived at the Sheppard home how did you get into the house?

A We entered by the door facing Lake Road.

Q What did you see when you got there?

A The first thing we noticed was a medical bag spilled over in the hallway.

Q Did you touch the medical bag?

A We did not touch anything.

Q Where did you go?

A Through the living room up the stairway with the stretcher.

Q Did you see anything in the living room?

A We noticed the desk being -- having been rifled or things stole out of the desk.

Q What else did you see in the living room?

A Nothing particularly wrong in the living room.

Q Did you see a couch in the living room?

A No, I don't recall noticing the couch.

Q Did you touch the couch?

A No.

Q Did you see a brown coat?

A I didn't see a brown coat.

Q Then what did you see?

A When we went upstairs then with the stretcher we took it into the bedroom and at that time Patrolman Drenkhan said we would wait until a doctor got there and then we took the stretcher out in the hall and waited.

Q Did you touch anything in the bedroom?

A Neither in the bedroom, where the body was. I closed

the door of Chip's room at the same time when we went to get the stretcher.

Q You took the stretcher in and left it there and then went out?

A We took the stretcher in the hallway and left it set there and we went downstairs.

Q And you walked into the bedroom without the stretcher?

A No, we pushed the stretcher into the bedroom as soon as we got upstairs and then Patrolman Drenkhan said we would wait until a doctor got there and we pushed the stretcher back out in the door and set it out in the hall.

Q And then you went back downstairs?

A Went back downstairs, outside.

Q Did you go back upstairs?

A Later we went back upstairs to get the stretcher and it was decided to wait for the coroner.

Q When did you go after you closed Chip's door?

A After that we went down on the porch and talked to the man on the porch.

Q Was Chip still there?

A Yes.

Q How long did all this take?

A I would say it was probably 25 minutes to a half an hour.

Q Who was in your company during those movements?

A The other fireman and Dick Sommer and myself were together the entire time.

Q Did you touch or handle anything or move anything?

A Never.

Q Did you see the dog?

A I saw the dog followed us down to the beach.

Q Where was he when you saw him?

A Around at the door he came towards us. I came in with the stretcher and I remember that he was at my leg, as I went back with the stretcher.

Q Was the dog injured?

A He didn't appear to me to be injured.

Q Had you seen the dog previously?

A I never saw the dog before.

Q You made no observation of injuries on the dog?

A That's right, I didn't see any.

CORONER GERBER: That is all. Thank you.

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